STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Docket HWCA 2007 1546

Hi-Tech Environmental Services, Inc. 15200 Grevillea Avenue Lawndale, CA 90260 CONSENT ORDER

ID No. CAL 930256163

Respondent.

Health and Safety Code Section 25187

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. <u>Parties</u>. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and Hi-Tech Environmental Services, Inc. (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order (Order) and agree as follows:
 - 1.2. Site. Respondent transports hazardous waste.
 - 1.3. Inspection. The Department inspected the Respondent on April 17, 2007.
- 1.4. <u>Authorization Status</u>. Respondent is registered to transport hazardous waste.
- 1.5. <u>Jurisdiction</u>. Health and Safety Code section 25187, authorizes the Department to order action necessary to correct violations and to assess a penalty when the Department determines that any person has violated specified provisions of the Health and Safety Code or any permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or adopted pursuant thereto.
- 1.6. <u>Full Settlement</u>. This Order shall constitute full settlement of the violation alleged below. The Parties, and each of them, agree that this Order, and all of the terms contained herein, are fair, reasonable, and in the public interest. By agreeing to

this Order, the Department does not waive any right to take other enforcement actions except as specifically provided in this Order.

- 1.7. <u>Hearing</u>. Respondent waives any and all rights to a hearing in this matter.
- 1.8. Admissions. Respondent admits the violation as alleged in Section 2 below.

2. VIOLATION ALLEGED

- 2.1. Department alleges the following violation:
- 2.1.1 The following violation was self disclosed to the Department by Respondent on February 27, 2007. Respondent violated Health and Safety Code section 25163 in that on or about May 31, 2005, and continuing until on or about February 20, 2007, Respondent engaged in the business of transporting hazardous waste without holding valid registration issued by the Department.

3. SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

- 3.1. Respondent shall comply with the following: Respondent shall not transport hazardous wastes without first holding a valid registration issued by the Department.
 - 3.1.1. Respondent has corrected the violation set forth above.
- 3.1.2. Respondent shall make all payments at the time(s) and in accord with any other conditions set forth in Section 5 (Penalty) below.

4. OTHER PROVISIONS

- 4.1. <u>Liability</u>. Nothing in this Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent, except as provided in this Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Order, Respondent may be required to take such further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.
- 4.2. <u>Penalties for Noncompliance</u>. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may subject Respondent to costs, penalties and/or damages, as provided by Health and Safety Code section 25188, and other applicable provisions of law.

- 4.3. <u>Parties Bound</u>. This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, consultants, receivers, trustees, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and upon the Department and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Order.
- 4.8. <u>Integration</u>. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as provided in this Order.

5. PENALTY

- 5.1. Respondent shall pay the Department the total sum of \$7,500 as a penalty.
- 5.2. The payments shall be made in two installments of \$3,750 are due and payable on November 1, 2007, and February 1, 2008.
- 5.3. Respondent's check(s) shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, shall identify the Respondent and Docket Number, as shown in the caption of this case, and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control Accounting Office 1001 I Street, 21st floor P. O. Box 806 Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the check(s) shall be sent to:

Mr. David Stuck Department of Toxic Substances Control 1011 N. Grandview Avenue Glendale, California 91201

and

Ramon Perez, Esq.
Office of Legal Counsel
Department of Toxic Substances Control
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 150
San Diego, California 92123

5.4. If Respondent fails to make payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25360.1, and to pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection including attorney's fees.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

6.1. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Department.

Dated: October 4, 2007 Original signed by Steve Massey

Steve Massey Respondent

Dated: October 12, 2007 Original signed by Florence Gharibian

Florence Gharibian, Branch Chief

Enforcement and Emergency Response Program

Department of Toxic Substances Control